

BOOK REVIEW

Once it was the norm for low-voltage lights to criss-cross every ceiling in town: now the decorative, feature light is back. But before investing in a modern chandelier or state-of-the-art LED lighting fixture, take time to bone up on the history of the light. Taschen's brand new book, 1000 Lights, edited by Peter and Charlotte Fiell (£14.99) is perfectly timed, and a visual and scholarly treat. Every type of light is featured, starting with Edison's first light, and trawling through the historical periods, from Arts and Crafts, to Pop, Post-Modern and the present day. Totalling 704 pages, with beautiful pictures for each light, be it chandelier or table lamp, and information of each designer, it's a fascinating read. Find it at all good bookshops, or visit www.taschen.com.

